

ALAMEDA COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION—CALIFORNIA HEALTHY KIDS RESOURCE CENTER (CHKRC)

Statewide Projects

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Target Audience

- Ages: PreKindergarten; Grades 1-12
- Ethnicities: Asian; African American; Latino; Native American; Pacific Islander
- Language: Spanish, Vietnamese, Hmong, Cantonese, Korean, Khmer, Mandarin, English

Settings

Materials can be used in a variety of settings.

Partners

Schools; School Food Service; Local Health Department; Parks and Recreation; Project LEAN

Description

Located at the Alameda County Office of Education, CHKRC is a comprehensive health education library, training and technical assistance center primarily funded by the California Department of Education. The CHKRC provides peer reviewed health instructional resources, school health laws, research summaries, technical assistance and training to educators and other professionals working with preschool-grade 12 youth in California.

The CHKRC has a *Network* grant to increase outreach, training and technical assistance to professionals serving *Network* target school districts, districts with greater than 50 percent of students eligible for free or reduced price meals and other contractors serving children and youth. These efforts are designed to increase *Network* contractor access to and implementation of resources available from the CHKRC. Specific objectives of the grant include evaluating nutrition instructional materials developed and used by LIAs, and those potentially appropriate for instruction with low-income culturally diverse and/or non-English speaking students. They will also promote the use of high quality nutrition education materials by providing trainings to *Network* contractors, acquire peer-reviewed materials for distribution, and analyze and share the results of the LIA School District Needs Assessment Survey conducted last year.

CALIFORNIA CENTER FOR RESEARCH ON WOMEN AND FAMILIES (CCRWF): CALIFORNIA WORKING FAMILIES POLICY SUMMIT

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Target Audience

State and local policymakers, advocates, non-profit leaders, service providers

Settings

The Summit is held in Sacramento with a particular focus on the Legislature and Administration. The materials are made available statewide via the CCRWF website, www.ccrwf.org.

Partners

50 partners from: Legislative Caucuses; Non-profit organizations; Various state departments

Description

The California Center for Research on Women and Families' (CCRWF) California Working Families Policy Summit provides a policy development process for leading advocates to develop consensually-based policy agendas on priority issues, with the goal of addressing the needs and furthering the aspirations of California's working families.

In partnership with an advisory committee of about 15 agency representatives, CCWRF also will develop **Understanding Nutrition and Physical Activity: A Primer for Service Providers and Policy Makers**. This is one in a series of primers offered to assist practitioners and policy leaders in advancing their basic knowledge of complex social service programs by describing federal and state programs, how they are administered, and issues they are addressing. Its purpose is to reduce categorical barriers and develop a seamless network of services where consumers are central and the best use is made of all available resources. The Primer will be distributed to local, regional, and state policymakers, *Network* partners and contractors, and a broad spectrum of advocacy and service organizations.

CALIFORNIA ELECTED WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION FOR EDUCATION AND RESEARCH (CEWAER)

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Target Audience

The information we share is directed at state and local policy makers to educate them on the issue of childhood nutrition and physical activity. We hope our efforts will affect children ages K-12—of all ethnicities, and particularly those in low income families—by recommending policy action.

Settings

Events geared toward these policy makers take place in the form of legislative briefings, policy breakfasts, etc., and are held at the Capitol and in area hotels.

Description

The California Elected Women's Association for Education and Research (CEWAER) is a non-profit, non-partisan organization committed to giving women the tools they need to be effective policy makers. CEWAER's membership consists of women at all levels of government, both elected and appointed.

CEWAER's nutrition projects focus on educating policy makers at the local and state levels on the growing obesity epidemic including giving a broad background on ways to encourage healthy eating by California's young people.

Through policy breakfasts, newsletters, conference calls, personal visits and legislative briefings, CEWAER goal is to not only education policy makers on how to effectively deal with this issue, but give them contacts and resources that can advise them on how to make informed, proactive decisions when considering nutrition policy.

By hosting policy breakfasts, coordinating legislative briefings and working with other stakeholders, CEWAER is in the unique position to influence public policy by reaching out, across party lines, to policy makers and give them the tools they need to effectively find solutions to ensure that California's children are healthy. While CEWAER does not "lobby" we do educate policy makers and because of CEWAER's reputation both at the state and local levels, CEWAER is able to impact policy makers on this important issue.

CEWAER goal is to develop collaborations among those "on the battle field" and those people setting the policy in hopes of being able to find solutions to this growing problem. We also focus our education efforts on stakeholders with the CEWAER organization by including information on this project in our mailings, including CEWAER's quarterly newsletter.

CEWAER is committed to providing policy makers at all levels with recommendations on what they can do to combat this growing problem.

COMMUNITY FOOD SECURITY COALITION*Statewide Projects*

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Target Audience

- Ages: All Ages
- Ethnicities: Asian; African American; Latino; Native American; Pacific Islander; Caucasian
- Language: No specified language target population

Settings

Community Center; School; Grocery Store; Farmers' Market; Faith Organization; All community settings where food access is involved

Partners

Local Health Department; Project LEAN; College/University; University of California Cooperative Extension; Community-based organizations; Farm and agriculture

Description

The Community Food System Assessment Project (CFSAP), directed by the Community Food Security Coalition (CFSC) provides information, training, mentoring and technical assistance to individuals, groups and organizations to plan, implement or expand assessments of their local food system. The project provides up to 200 copies of CFSC's community food assessment guidebook known as "Weaving the Food Web," as a starting point and reference guide for many local food system assessment projects at various stages of development. The project also is doing an inventory of who and what organizations have done food system assessment in California, what stage of development or completion they are in, and what the major findings indicate for concerted action in those communities.

The project will also conduct a series of eight beginning and advanced workshops led by experienced trainers on how to plan and conduct community food assessments with followup in the form of one-on-one mentoring and technical assistance as required. The project will also work with regional and state level organizations to encourage the pooling of ideas and resources to show that gaps in local food systems often can be filled by well coordinated policy development and strong policy leadership. The project will convene a statewide meeting of food system assessment planners, practitioners, and supporters to identify a common set of high priority local food system needs that perhaps can only be addressed by the development of state or federal policies or legislation, along with the possible establishment of a state level food policy council.